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SUBJECT: MALAYSIANS PROTEST LAO PRESS ATTACK

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- 1. THE LPRP NEWSPAPER "VOICE OF THE PEOPLE" PUBLISHED A REPORT DERIVED FROM "FOREIGN NEWS" WHICH SAID THAT IN A MEETING INTENDED TO "STUDY HOW TO IMPROVE ACTIVITIES TO SUPPRESS THE PEOPLE IN THE THAI-MALAYSIAN BORDER AREA," THAI AND MALAYSIAN LEADERS HAD AGREED TO SET UP THEIR MUTUAL HEADQUARTERS NEAR THE BORDER AND TMIESTABLISH REGULAR COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN EACH SIDE'S BORDER MILITARY COMMANDERS.
- 2. THE ARTICLE CHARACTERIZED THE ARRANGEMENT AS "NEW COLLUSION BETWEEN THAI AND MALAYSIAN REACTIONARY MILITARY FORCES TO CONTINUE COMMITTING CRIMES AGAINST THE THAI PEOPLE ALONG THE THAI-MALAYSIAN BORDER." CONFIDENTIAL

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3. MALAYSIAN CHARGE D'AFFAIRXLOOI CHEOK HUN TOLD US JUNE 29 THAT ON JUNE 28 HE HAD VERBALLY PROTESTED TO THE MFA REGARDING THE ARTICLE, TELLING THE LAO THAT THE ATTACK VIOLATED UNDERSTANDINGS REACHED BETWEEN THE LAO AND MALAYSIANS DURING THE VISIT OF MALAYSIAN FOREIGN MINISTER RITHAUDDEEN TO LAOS (REFTEL).

- 4. LOOI SAID THAT HE WAS ASSURED BY THE LAO THAT HIS PROTEST WOULD BE CARRIED TO THE "HIGHEST LEVEL OF THE MINISTRY" AND THAT THE MINISTRY WOULD ALSO CONTACT THE EDITOR OF "VOICE OF THE PEOPLE" REGARDING THE MATTER.
- 5. LOOI SAID HE WAS PLEASED WITH THE LAO RESPONSE BUT THAT HE WILL CONTINUE TO MONITOR THE LAO MEDIA FOR SUCH REPORTS AND THAT HE WILL PROTEST IN A SIMILAR MANNER EVERY ARTICLE CRITIINL OF MALAYSIA. CORCORAN

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